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THE NEWS THIS MORNING.

FOREIGN .- A mob broke into the penitentiary at Quito and lynched Generals Eloy Alfaro, Plavio Alfaro, Medardo Alfaro, Ulpiano Paez and Manuel Serrano, all prominent revolutionists. W. Morgan Shuster arrived in n. The Turks attacked Ghirgarish, near Tripoli; at the same time three thousand Turks and Arabs moved against Ainzara, but were re pulsed. = A battle was fought be tween a French column and More tribesmen near Rabat. = A Paris dispatch said the Tavignano incident would probably be settled without rewould probably be course to The Hague.

DOMESTIC.—The Secretary of War, in a report made public in Washington, recommended the closing of many army posts and the concentration of troops at eight strategic points. —— A Washington dispatch said that the exposure of Louis D. Brandeis's connection with the United Shoe Machine v. Company had ing an agreement on the wage scale It was reported at Indianapolis that thirty persons had been indicted by dynamite conspiracy. === Labor leaders at Lawrence, Mass., were active or-ganizing their followers in an effort to keep them from returning to work tokeep them from returning to work to-day. — The annual reports of the State Educational Department, Edward Lazansky, Secretary of State, and the State Board of Charities were made public at Albany. — Ex-Congressman Burleigh announced at Augusta, Me. that he was a candidate for the United

CITY .- President Taft left the city for Ohio, satisfied the delegation from New York to the Chicago convention would Governor Stubbs of Kansas, a stanch Roosevelt man, de-clared the delegations from the sup-Solid South" and from Ohio itself arrived from Providence, R. I., and will proceed to Trenton this morning, to be Bar Association will have a chance investigate the Brandt-Schiff case a chance to was learned yesterday, if Governor Dix does not pardon the convicted ex-valet of reporting to the Mayor, emphasized the reporting to the Mayor, emphasized the need of more police and criticised the leniency of the courts toward criminals. Three persons were so severely injured on the Central Park lakes as to require medical attention. —— Albert W. Wolter, the slayer of Ruth Wheeler, will Sing Sing early to-day. == will shortly move from Broadway and 26th street to a site in the Long Acre Square section.

THE WEATHER,-Indications for to-The temperature yesterday: Highest, 26 degrees; low-

WHY NOT A CANDID ACCOUNT? Colonel Watterson talks of "proofs" seems to be the erroneous impression | ter than this state could do it. that Governor Wilson had volunteered | The practical reason and the abstract his objection to its further editorial sup-

There are occasional intimations that Governor -Wilson, but up to the present and \$800,000,000 worth of merchandise he has contented himself with bare denials of successive statements made in touch at a New York dock. Yet New the course of the controversy or with York State assumes primarily the resaying nothing. As to his denials, the sponsibility for the good condition of ship first one, in which he declared that and cargo. Manifestly this arrangement, Colonel Harvey was running "Harper's though perhaps in strict accord with a falling off in the volume of new orders Weekly" entirely upon his own judg- theory and state rights, is unjust in prac- for finished materials, a development ment, was so far from frank as to leave tice. If in this country any port exists wholly in line with expectations based the public in doubt how to take the where the quarantine should be con- upon the tariff tinkering by the House others. Outside of the formal denials ducted by the federal government it is Democrats, who propose an average renothing has come from the Wilson camp the Port of New York. When in 1892 a duction of 50 per cent in iron and steel partment really means this time to deexcept the vague rumor that the break national quarantine was added to the duties. Actual orders for rails are under with Colonel Harvey came over some state's, recognition was made of this recent estimates, and most consumers of mitigate the evil. Persons who allow

proposition involving Mr. Thomas F. Now, why shouldn't Colonel Watterson, who seems to be boiling over with up to a certain point. Why should he place contracts for the future being righteous impulse to put the public in not carry his ideas to their logical con- quite natural in view of tariff uncertainpossession of the actual facts, tell all clusion and recommend legislative actual facts, tell all clusion and recommend legislative actual facts. the circumstances? Colonel Watterson in his original statement said that he and concentration of the quarantine service moment the heaviest specifications are Colonel Harvey met to consult about the at this port in the hands of the federal for tin and sheet bars, for which, in Wilson campaign, when the Governor, being present, revealed his "tyrannical" serviceable Harvey. There was a long conversation among the three before the incident occurred. Now, what was the nature of the plans which were being made for the Wilson campaign, of the advice and assistance offered and of the conversation that preceded the inquiry nitely. put to Governor Wilson by Colonel Harvey, whether or not the support of "Harper's Weekly" was injurious? And what are the proofs which Colonel Watterson has that he collected funds for clined to assume that "they order this make a better exhibit than that reported the Wilson campaign? Did any of the matter better in France" in respect to here, particularly in Boston, Philamoney come from his "friend" the "dis- anything which is not satisfactorily or- delphia, Baltimore, Pittsburgh and San interested" Mr. Ryan? As an advocate dered in this country. It was to the ef- Francisco, the indifferent showing in of publicity in matters political Gov- fect that the streets of Paris were com- New York being chiefly due to a falling

Watterson, Now for the proofs" and the rest of it!

THE OUTBREAK OF RABIES.

It would be folly to indulge in anything resembling a panic over the existence of rables in and about this city, and it would be unjust on that account to begin a general campaign against all dogs. The number of animals afflicted ing. No. 154 Nassau street, New York; with the disease is proportionately very ring in human beings is almost infinitesimal. Yet such is the popular horror of the disease that two or three cases of it excite more commiseration and agitation than a hundred of typhoid fever or diphtheria. Of course the violent paroxysms, intolerable anguish and serithe peculiar dread in which it has been

held since the time of Aristotle. as common in winter as in summer. The Hall of Jersey City workmen were enprobably never known in the "dog days," go mad.

We have said that it would be unjust desirable as to be practically imperative, to conduct a systematic and unrecurs, ill-treated and vicious, which are needlessly made dirty. the almost invariable purveyors of the disease. The argument for such a course may be found in the example of Great Britain. Not many years ago there were man beings yearly from canine rables. In the last ten years not one has occurred and the disease is extinct. This stroying all dogs afflicted with it and by guarding against the introduction of rabid dogs from other countries.

ARCHITECT.

for the Park Department should be. Parsons was being considered the Mayor customary family arrangements for gounder President Cleveland, died at his disposition." The happiness of this conception was universally admitted. Acprospect of the cordingly the present architect, Mr. Charles D. Lay, was chosen. But it appears that after all the care and deliberation shown a mistake was made, a part of each preceding day is taken that is "silly." This is a violation of the lowing day, Friday; and when it occurs president of the Park Board's preroga- in midweek the break in the continuity tive. It cannot be tolerated.

offending. In spite of the care with example, California and Michigan, have with Mr. Stover that the narrow strip of days shall be permitted, namely. New grass in upper Seventh avenue would be Year's, Memorial Day, Fourth of July, improved in appearance by having sixfoot fron fences, such as those with three of these occur when schools are which the commission had beautified closed for vacations there are left only other tiny bits of grass in other parts of two to break the school calendar. In the city. The high iron fences that the this there will be material and percepti-wrote in declining to approve the Com- ance as those mentioned it is doubtless missioner's order for beautifying Sev- fitting that schools should be closed in for the opening of the Legislature missioner's order for beautifying Sevinstead of iron fences.

After all the care with which he was selected the fault cannot have been with day, Lincoln's Birthday, Fiag Day, Cothe banker. - Commissioner Waldo, Mr. Lay's disposition. It must have lumbus Day and the like there is no such been his taste which caused the trouble. excuse for closing the schools, and the Though an architect's disposition may be days or the events which they comre so severely in- subordinate his taste may be made to memorate will be more honored by keeprevolt. A perfect park architect under ing them in session and devoting an hour the present administration would have to suitable exercises. be put to death in the electric chair at not only a "subordinate disposition" but no taste at all.

A FEDERAL QUARANTINE

Governor Dix has done a considerable service in endeavoring to have the overlapping and interfering activities of the state and federal quarantine agencies at no duplication of work and no Interand threatens to produce them. He has ference between state and federal sersufficient provocation to do so. Governor vices is sound. Yet it is hard to see Wilson has denied the story of his rais- just how he reconciles his argument that ing money for the Wilson campaign and New York State is aggrieved because so have the Wilson agents. Where are the federal service is not complete the "proofs"? And while Colonel Wat- enough in certain respects with the facts terson is about it, why not a frank and in the case. The Governor apparently full story of what happened? He seems consents to the existence of the two serto be the only one who is inclined to tell vices. Yet in essence the existence of the tale. Colonel Harvey as a source of the federal quarantine is an invasion of information dried up after "Harper's state rights. It is tolerated because it Weekly" had come out with a statement relieves this state of certain work and which left on the public mind what much expense, and does that work bet-

> points out that many of the ships which desirability of the federal quarantine ate requirements, their unwillingness to

MAKING STREETS UNCLEAN.

thus continue the state's agency indefi-

lic. If circumstances make him reinc- clogged with the profusion of handbills Railroad gross earnings for the first two

by their recipients. The notion has pre- large extent to the adverse weather

the littering of the streets with rubbish. the mine owners. other even more objectionable practices. the first requisite for having streets

MORE TIME FOR SCHOOLING. The conviction that more time ought to be given in each year to attendance from twenty-five to thirty deaths of hu- at school is becoming widespread and positive, and in several states administrative or even legislative steps are being taken toward putting it into effect. result has been attained simply by de- In some it is purposed to shorten the long summer vacation and thus add sevyear, and in some to increase the number of hours of school each day. The former QUALIFICATIONS OF A PARK plan could surely in most cases be adopted without hardship, while the latter is The city is gradually learning from of less certain practicability, though curexperience what a landscape architect tailing of the vacation at one or both ends might be objected to in the large cities, where it would interfere with the

Another plan for attaining the same end is that of decreasing the number of holidays. In some states these have become a serious loss to the time of schooling. The schools are closed outright for of study is seriously detrimental. To But this is not the sum of Mr. Lay's deal with this evil some states, as, for Thanksgiving and Christmes; and as

On holidays of such universal observorder that the rest of their families in celebrations. But on such days as Washington's Birth-

MONEY AND BUSINESS. Irregular tendencies prevail in the business world. The general volume of day-to-day trade is large in most lines, but commitments for the future are less in evidence than they recently were, and extreme conservatism is exercised by the Port of New York defined. His producer and consumer in current opposition in holding that there should be erations. In the jobbing and retail trade staple goods are in fair demand. Improvement is under way in drygoods, while the textile market as a whole presents a much more satisfactory appearance than has been noted in many months. Raw cotton is firmer, owing to heavy buying by foreign and domestic mills, a reflection of this being found in higher prices in the option market. The amount of cotton ginned since September 1 exceeds the government's estimate of production, showing to January 16 an excess of 28 per cent over the same time last year and 48 per cent over the like period in 1909-'10, with a total of 14,510,676 bales, which induces justice of this are apparent at once. Dr. expectation in the trade of a final yield E. T. Devine, in the current "Survey," of more than 15,000,000 bales. Although commodity price movements are irregua statement will be forthcoming from bring eight hundred thousand persons lar, staples dealt in on the speculative exchanges in most instances are higher into this port in a year do not even than the levels recorded a week ago, the cereals being uniformly stronger, while quotations for hogs and general provisions are somewhat easier.

Reports from the steel industry show federal duty and responsibility. The general steel products are confining Governor has conceded the value and their purchases in large part to immediallonger frightened by mere threats. tion by this state to bring about a proper United States Steel Corporation. At the authorities? Of the large ports of entry some instances, a small premium is paid Boston, Baltimore and New York are for prompt delivery. The official price present anomalous double quarantine. the business is done at that figure, and no The Governor seems to be on the right special activity is reported at concescourse, but he should go to the end sions, the market being extremely quiet before making any appointment of a both at home and abroad. Users of the

Health Officer to succeed Dr. Doty, and metal appear to be well supplied. Bank clearings show some improvement as compared with this period a year ago, but a considerable loss from the corresponding time in 1910. Re-A recent news item was probably dis- turns received by the commercial agenappointing to those who are always in cies from points outside of New York ernor Wilson must feel that a candid monly littered in a most untidy fashion off in stock market transactions from story of what happened is due the pub- and that the sewer openings were often those recorded at this time in 1911.

vailed that such practices were forbid- which has prevailed in all parts of the den in the French capital, as they are in country east of the Rocky Mountains. come Continental cities and should be Railroad officers expect a better income everywhere; but it appears that the City return in the last two weeks of the of Light is in that respect in the self- month, as weather conditions have imsame darkness which envelops New proved, while coal traffic has expanded. as shown by a large decrease in the an ideal president of the University at That fact is, however, no excuse for number of idle coal cars. The supply of Lexington, just as he has made the ideal the gress untidiness which is permitted coal in retailers' yards is low, and conin this and most other American cities. sumers are actively filling their require-There is no good reason for permitting ments for the next two months, on the business concerns to resort to the ad theory that a hard coal strike may be vertising method referred to, which called at the expiration, on April 1, of every man knows is bound to result in the agreement between the miners and

There is still less reason for tolerating | Speculation in stocks is light in volume, but prices are holding relatively It is by no means impossible in these firm in the face of efforts by profesdays to find men sweeping dust, waste sional traders to bring about important neteristic of rabies readily account for paper and other dirt and rubbish from declines. Investment buying is modertheir shops upon the sidewalk and ately active in the bond market, chiefly thence into the roadway. That practice for the account of institutions that have Berlin. was once general, but in 1912 it is a large supplies of idle money on hand, gated by tourists, and wherever it appeared able the timid to hide their heads. The does not occur spontaneously, but only discreditable anachronism. The other day the so-called public taking only an unthrough communication, and it is at least within a couple of blocks of the City important part in the dealings. Money latter fact is shown in the circumstance gaged in tearing out the lath and plaster and at other reserve points. Our bankwork of rooms in a house which was be- ers find no important demand for acvirous during the exceptionally cold ing remodelled, and the thousands of commodation from speculative and merweather of this winter to an extent laths, splintered and covered with lime cantile sources, or from the railroads, and mortar, were simply heaved out of which evidently do not intend to take the window upon the sidewalk, there to advantage of the present low money posed to be the days in which dogs most lie perhaps for hours, obstructing travel market to put out new securities in voland distributing dust and dirt over the ume, owing to the various uncertainties entire neighborhood. Such things are in the situation. New York bankers, of daily occurrence in our cities, even in however, are finding a lucrative employdogs. But it would be both just and the metropolis. It is strange that it is ment for their funds abroad, and it is rational, and it would seem to be so so difficult to learn, or practically to approbable that we shall soon see gold exply, the simple and obvious lesson that ports on a large scale, unless there should be a radical change in monetary lenting campaign against those vagrant clean is to prevent them from being conditions in the United States. Sterling exchange rates are not far from the gold shipping point, as a consequence of the ease in money here and the disparity in rates between New York and foreign centres, especially London, where discounts are higher than at any other cently purchased in that city, according to eternal likenesses instead of the ephemeral she prays to the gods for deliverance European capital.

> After a man has deserted his wife, absconded with another woman, swindled fate seems to be against him and that \$1,700. he wants the past to be buried as best it can be.

If neither Italy nor Turkey is inclined to make peace, the alternative would seem to be for them to keep on fighting, though really neither seems to be gaining much by it.

mendable discretion in deciding not to adhere to his original plans for speaking on Home Rule in Belfast. He and his five or six days during the year, while friends may regard the Ulstermen as bigoted in denying him freedom of that thirty persons had been indicated by the and the new architect has "insulted" the from lessons for celebration. When a speech, but there is no sense in persistpresident of the Park Board by making boliday occurs on Thursday the schools ing in a course which could be producin his annual report a recommendation are in some places kept closed on the folwould result in much mischief.

> Mayor Gayner's position regarding Mr. Dougherty's bill for charter drafting seems to indicate that the Mayor bewhich he was chosen he declined to agree now ordered by law that only five holi- lieves in paying for services rendered only when they suit him.

> > Missouri has an embarrassment of Democratic favorite sons.

The consecration of the cathedral at great betrayal, unsurpassed herolam, an the world.

One peculiarity of the pearls found in restaurant oysters is that boiling them or frying them does them no harm. After cooking they are never worth less than \$500.

In Owit!"

In John Bunyan's lifetime the suggestion that he would one day be the subject of a memorial window in Westminster Abbey would have been regarded as a more extravagant flight of imagination than anything in all the inspired and freedom of discussion by all at all tinker's immortal allegories.

It would seem that even the direct primary, so despised and hated by State say that none admires him more than I, or Chairman Barnes, should merit some would place him higher in his country's slight consideration at his hands when roll of honor, but I do not believe he will its first official trial in this state will fit make the fight now to succeed President in so nicely with his political plans. The decision of the Republican State Committee to have the district delegates to the national convention chosen directly at the spring primaries and the scheme adopted for placing the names of candidates on the primary ballot are in compliance with the tenor of the law and the rules of the national convention. That, however, is probably not the chief merit in Mr. Barnes's eyes. Mr. Barnes and his colleagues of the Republican "old guard" do not want an instructed delegation from this state. They do want a delegation under their control so far as may be. The scheme adopted permits the "organization" to select and place on the ballots first the names of men to be voted for as delegates, forcing any antiorganization element to make a contest if it cares to. And as an "old guard" Republican queries earnestly: "How 'can anybody instruct delegates elected "at a direct primary for anybody or 'anything?"

It is to be hoped that the Health Destroy the stray dogs. Bluffing will not their dogs to be public nuisances are no

THE TALK OF THE DAY.

A Paris newspaper has been entertaining tions of royal personages for photography. The late King Leopold of Belgium abhorred the photographer and all his works. When Taft." his majesty met a man with a camera he always did his best to avoid him, either disposition and turned his back upon the practically alone in maintaining the of copper is 141/2 cents a pound, but lit- turning away or pulling his hat over his eyes. Queen Alexandra is favorably disposed to the photographers, and so was King Edward, provided they did not cause him any inconvenience. The Queen of Spain is also gracious to the man with the camera. On one occasion a photographer followed her persistently. She sent one of her attendants to inquire the reason. man's answer was irresistible: "I take photographs to gain my daily bread." The Queen stopped, saying, "I did not know that," and allowed him to snapshot her.

"Are all women to be won by flattery"
"Not by any means," replied Miss
Cayenne. "If that were the case prima
donnas would invariably marry their press
agents."—Washington Star.

Washington and Lee University, at Lexngton. Va., to which General Lee devoted the last years of his life, has recently called to its presidency Dr. Henry Louis

come a full rehearsal of them by Colonel the streets and generally thrown away little more than 7 per cent, owing to a approve this choice, "The Charlotte Obser- discovered. It was promptly remedied, as terms of Dr. Smith, whom it describes as It would appear as if our probate laws "A ripe scholar and at the same time a are susceptible of improvement, or else speaker and devoted with his whole heart in the rural districts to the cause of education, he would make president of Davidson College, the most flourishing of all the Presbyterian colleges in the South.

The after-lunch nap is my favorite hour of the whole day."
"I thought you didn't sleep after lunch!"
"I don't, but my wife does!"-London

"A disease which threatens to do much harm has made its appearance in our city," says a Vienna letter, "and will leave its destructive mark, for the most part, in the It was brought to us and propaits progress. society in its strong grasp, made its apdancing and other forms of entertainment have fallen before it and hours of sleep will it end? Is there a third and a worse form? Sir Thomas Crosby, the venerable Lord Mayor of London, tells us that early to bed and many hours of sleep are th great aids toward reaching old age. patrons of the hair dye manufacturers."

Miss Gushington-Love is like a kitten It is born blind.

Mr. Blunt-Yes, but it only takes a kitten nine days to get its eyes opened.-Philadel-phia Record.

The stamp collection of Robert scher, and architect, of Budapest, was rethe work connected with procuring these about \$50,000. The collection is contained cluded in this magnificent unity. an insurance company and in general in seventeen large volumes arranged by eral weeks to the length of the school piayed the irredeemable blackguard it countries and in keeping with the age of

> "Has George ever hinted marriage to "Only once. Coming home from the theatre the other night he laughed and said that anyhow two could ride in a taxicab as cheap as one."—Detroit Free Press.

UNWORTHY DISTRACTIONS

Mr. Winston Churchill exercises com- | Cheapening the Office of President by Squabbling Over Candidates.

To the Editor of The Tribune. Sir: The agitation over the next Repub-

ican candidate for President must surely tend to cheapen that great office and make it less acceptable for the kind of men the country needs at its head. I believe the country is satisfied to elect President Taft or a second term, and how unfortunate for the country to have to give its whole attention to the matter in the midst of what should be a successful eight-year period. old masters" is the name given to an en-The agitators have done much to make it tertainment to be given at the Waldorf on hills. He recognized in man the playan unsuccessful first term for President the afternoon of February 19 for the benefit be the fate of Taft?

spent in the interests of his country; he ested in the tableaus will take part, posing has been plain spoken, able, industrious, for famous paintings of the long ago. honest, chivalrous, kindly-who will say he Among those who have reserved boxes are Khartoum commemorates at once a has not? No doubt he has made misrakes, Mrs. J. B. Harriman, Mrs. William Church and who care if he has-but are the mis- Osborn, Mrs. Clarence Blair Mitchell, Mrs appalling tragedy, a tremendous ven- takes he has made sufficient cause for the Henry Fairfield Osborn, Mrs. James Speyer, treatment he is now receiving from some of Mrs. James L. Barclay, Miss Clementina say he has made an excellent President. Colgate and Miss Leary. but cannot be re-elected. Under the circumstances what kind of Republicans are East 5th street, in one of the most crowded they who say this? If they were as honest corners of the city. Mothers on their way and loyal as President Taft they would be to work stop in with the babies. Nurses upholding him instead of trying to drag and special attendants take charge of them, him down. What sort of soldiers are they and the mothers are free of their domestic who, when not feeling sure of victory, cares until 6:30 in the evening, when they turn and run the other way? If the men of call again for the boys and girls. Music at the Ludlow street jail is all his party who are opposing President Taft right, so long as it does not resolve itself would support him, the country would see FATHER VAUGHAN TO SPEAK theme of the master dramatist; and into that woful ballad of old "Der Chall prosperity to its full satisfaction. Those who are crying for the alleviation of the sufferings of the poor and the weak could Jesuit to Make First Address Here at do far more for them by trying to allay undue agitation, which is injuring business and poisoning the minds of the masses, by supporting this good man-our President-These words are not spoken without full realization of the need of political parties times, and censure or condemnation if

To those real friends of Roosevelt I can Taft. Is it too much to hope that Taft and Roosevelt may work together, that Roosevelt may sit at the Cabinet table, that the country may profit by such disinterested effort, and go forward with a bound toward the heights of civilization? Is it too FAIR PLAY. much to expect? Atlantic City, Jan. 24, 1912.

THE PRESIDENT'S STRENGTH

Daily Gaining Among the Thinking Men of the Country. To the Editor of The Tribune.

Sir: Colonel Watterson says: "We want ful and kind, no less than daring." Well! Well! Haven't we got him? Isn't

there now? Then why does Colonel Watterson want a change? Dr. Johnson of the present. Attainment is followed by college course in February four years hence. neglect, and possession by disgust." These words may well be commended to Colonel Watterson, "nice old gentleman" that he is, and some other colonels who are now jam McKinley Memorial Hospital League sense or cause.

"Every day Mr. Taft is growing stronger a decided success as a formal opening of in the estimation of both his party and the the league's \$7,000,000 campaign for a nacountry," and, further: "Underneath there tional memorial hospital to McKinley in goes on a steady upbuilding of Mr. Taft in New York and the league's national antithe minds of thoughtful Republicans," and tuberculosis campaign. . . the thinkers are with Taft." - Wonder to me is that "Harper's Weekly, a Its readers with articles as to the predilec- Journal of Civilization," does not come out openly and support Taft if, as Colonel Harvey truly says, "the thinkers are with Of course, he refers to thinking Republicans, but are not thinking Democrats like thinking Republicans?

C. SCHWEITZER, South Orange, N. J., Jan. 27, 1912.

HONEST PROBATE OF WILLS. To the Editor of The Tribune.

Sir: The old saying, "There is one law for the rich and another for the poor, has been signally refuted in several criminal trials in this country during the last few years. But exceptions occur in civil cases now and then, two examples of which seem to me worthy of notice.

Several years ago there died in a country town of this state a man of moderate fortune. He left a will in which there was a palpably unintentional provision. Two or three attempts have been made to have the will set aside and its real intent carried out, but without success.

A few weeks ago a wealthy resident of this city died. Shortly after his death Smith, at present the head of Davidson an oversight in his will, substantially the tant to publish the facts, he should wel- and circulars which were distributed in weeks in January show a decline of a Collega. The Southern newspapers seem to

very practical man of affairs, an indefati- are not impartially adminstered. Or have guble worker, a wise executive, a man of | we one set of laws for rich testators and large experience, a most effective public heirs in cities and another for poorer ones

AN ADMIRER OF EQUITY. New York, Jan. 25, 1912.

[The adjustment referred to was not made through the probate laws, or by setting aside any provision of the will, but through voluntary action by the parties of interest, such as would have been allowed to anybody anywhere in the state. The action of the law was not partial.-Ed.]

SANITARY NINE FOOT SHEETS.

To the Editor of The Tribune Sir: The public in general has had concircle known as 'society.' In its first stages siderable fun with the "nine-foot sheet" it was known as bridge, and it came to law adopted by various Western states, but us from England, by way of Paris and they do not understand its object. It is torchbearers, soldiers and Theban not a plan to keep cold feet warm or to enthere were men and women who stimulated extra length of sheet is intended to be The disease raged for a turned down over the other covering, so long time, and when it was supposed that that when the sheet is washed the possible it had run its course and had lost its exhalation of germs from tuberculous perforce the second stage, which now holds sons will be destroyed, when otherwise they would remain on the outside of quilts in- breastplate. That is the opening spectapearance. The second and more harmful definitely, a menace to health. It is a stage is known as auction bridge. Music, sanitary measure, and a state that insists the top of the theatre; and whoever witon the individual drinking cup, towel, etc., should adopt this sensible method of checkhave been shortened by its power. Where ing the spread of consumption and other communicable diseases. The long sheet is E. H. HENRY. not a joke. New York, Jan. 23, 1912.

RELIGIOUS UNITY.

To the Editor of The Tribune.

Sir: It was with keen satisfaction that Silverman's splendid plea at the Temple Emanu-El for a more tolerant attitude of the different sects and religions toward each other and a more united attitude on the vital question of how they can best benefit comes too poignant for endurance. humanity. Would that this note could be Again, the Queen is seen in orange drastruck oftener, so that men might see the peries bearing aloft a golden urn while "The Hungarian Stamp Collector," for differences in varying creeds and religions. from impending dangers; and when the \$49,000 crowns-about \$175,000. Aside from Although Dr. Silverman speaks only of ghastly truth is revealed she is the first Judaism, Catholicism and Protestantism. specimens, the former owner expended many other religions and sects could be in-

Dr. Silverman deprecates missionary is an uncommonly good time for him to the specimens. The highest price paid for quest, and yet if missionaries would en- at last masters the horror of the situations and that any stamp in the seventeen books was deavor to learn as well as to teach the tion, and after a frenzied flight into the silver thread of fundamental truth upon palace reappears blind and dishevelled which all religions are strung would be re- to caress his children with broken acyealed and the common origin of faiths be It is the interpreter that is needed in the world to-day, not only in religions, but in every branch of human activity-one who would not only understand ironical Fates, the realism becomes so both sides, but who would also contain in overpowering that spectators are spellhis heart (as said Dr. Felix Adler in a re- bound and breathless. They can scarcecent address) "the flame of consecration to ly wait for the lamentations of the May such a one come soon, and mean-

while let us prepare the way. Such preparation cannot but be beneficial. F. G. WALDON.

New York, Jan. 23, 1912.

TABLEAUS FOR CHILDREN Entertainment To Be Given for

Virginia Day Nursery. "An exhibition of fair children, after the

Taft: will they do likewise through his of the Virginia Day Nursery. Mrs. Ralph associated with her are many of her forget that the human instrument was second term, or unto his successor, if such Sanger is at the head of the project, and President Taft's best efforts have been friends. Children whose mothers are inter-

advances of civilization in the history of his fellow countrymen? Prominent men Furniss, Mrs. C. Ledyard Blair, Miss Adele pendent subjects; and apart from the The Virginia Day Nursery

Carnegie Hall on Wednesday.

Father Bernard Vaughan, S. J., the English Jesuit famous for his eloquence, will deliver his first address in New York on Wednesday evening at Carnegie Hall. Car dinal Farley will preside. Father Vaughan will speak on the sub-

ject "Some Dangers That Threaten Society," and the proceeds of the lecture will go to the Laymen's League for Retreats and Social Studies. A few of the boxholders are the Countess Leary, Countess Iselin, John D. Crimmins, Morgan J. O'Brien, Supreme Court Justice Keogh, John S. Agar, Thomas F. Woodlock, Eric B. Dahlgren, Robert J. Collier, Andrew J. Shipman, Condé M. Nast, C. Oliver Iselin, Nyttleton Fox and Condé B. Pallen. A musical programme has been arranged. Miss Ethel Walsh, soprano, and Edward A. McAllister, tenor, will be among the soloists.

CORNELL HASTENS GRADUATION

Those Completing Courses by February to Receive Degrees.

Ithaca, N. Y., Jan. 28 .- The innovation of a graduation in February, instead of June, will be tried in part at Cornell Uniin the White House a man of broad mind, as well as polished intellect; of heart gratea hundred students who have finished their work and obtained the necessary credits. The arrangements make it possible for

students who are graduated from preparasays: "Such is the emptiness of human tory schools in June to come directly to enjoyment that we are always impatient college in the summer and to complete their M'KINLEY MEMORIAL SEAL DAY.

George E. Merry, secretary of the Will-"kicking" against President Taft without reports that efforts to bring about a large subject rather than the individual use of McKinley Memorial League seals performances of the players that has "Harper's Weekly" is right when it says: beginning to-day, McKinley's birthday, are

DUKE OF FIFE ILL AT CAIRO.

his two daughters, had a thrilling experi- slope of the Acropolis, with its broad ence when the steamer Delhi stranded off Cape Spartel last December, is seriously ill lungs. After landing from the stranded sifies the mystery and tragic action and steamer, the royal party proceeded for impresses a modern audience with the Gibraltar, and continued their voyage to tremendous force of the drama. Dark-Egypt aboard the steamer Macedonia.

VANDALS IN CORNELL LIBRARY. Ithaca, N. Y., Jan. 28.-Vandalism in the

ornell University library has caused the librarian to send out notices protesting against the mutilation of books there. It has been discovered that from many choics books frontispleces and other valuable illustrations nave been stolen.

THE EARTH'S POPULATION. From The Dundee Advertiser.

To-day the earth's population is estimated at 1.500,000,000. One-half of this population are females. Experience tables show that there three generations in every century. Eminent authorities have arrived at the conclusion man fate are enforced with overpower that a total of 72,000,000,000 have been born since the year in which the first pair of

REINHARDT TRIUMPH

"Œdipus Rex" at Covent Garden —A Memorable Performance.

Professor Reinhardt's production of

London, January 17.

'Œdipus Rex'' is a remarkable blend of vivid spectacle, terrible realism and tragic power. Covent Garden has been reconstructed for the conversion of a masterpiece of Greek tragedy into modern show. In place of curtain, orchestra pit and footlights there is a range of dark steps leading up to the black portico of a palace with copper doors. Through passages in the middle and at the sides of the darkened theatre rushes a moaning multitude of priests, women, and hundreds of white arms are uplifted in entreaty against the black background of the stage; and in answer to their prayers comes from the palace the stately, kind-hearted King, in flowing white draperies girdled with the priestly cle, illuminated with searchlights from nesses it can never forget it, so weird, bizarre and beautiful is it in the resplendence of limelight and in the vividness of action.

As the tragedy proceeds with cumula-

tive intensity and lucidity of construction the realism becomes a climax of horrors. The King, struggling courageously to extricate himself from the mysread in your edition of yesterday Dr. tery in which he is enmeshed, is joined by the statuesque Queen, who is at once his wife and his mother, and when she caresses him tenderly the tragedy beto understand it, for after cowering on the floor and hiding her face she shrinks from the King's touch and rushes into work as being analogous to wars of con- the palace to kill herself. When Œdipus cents and to grope and cringe through the darkness to his self-imposed exile as the helpless and degraded victim of the chorus to end, so eager are they to emerge from the darkness of the tragic abysses of hideous cruelty and inscrutable evil into the broader ranges of everyday life.

It is here that modernism, with its streams of limelight, its massing of crowds and its spectacular marvels, fails to reproduce the restful spirit of Greek tragedy. Sophocles accepted Fate not as an angel to be wrestled with, but as an eternal verity like the circle of the horizon or the foundations of the ancient thing of capricious gods with infinite resources for mischief and evil, but did not essentially divine. The mocking ironies of the fabled mythology did not take away his faith in eternal law that was above and underneath heaven and earth. Œdipus was the godlike king endowed with heroic courage and inspired with moral responsibility for helping his, deis at No. 632 teries of the Fates there was the sacredness of the inviolable home, which was above the desecrating touch of defilement by gods or men. It was because the worship of the Delphic Apollo was associated with domestic purity that the tragedy of plague-stricken Thebes with the unclean royal household was the poignant as were the horrors, the Athenian audience could retire from the amphitheatre under the blue sky with a restful consciousness of reverence for

eternal law.

personation of Ccdipus was interested in the human side rather than the godlike qualities of the King. He was courageous and persistent in unravelling the mysteries of his lot, he was faithful in his duty to his subjects, and he was truthful in speech and conscientious in life. These virtues were not emphasized so much as his hot-headedness, his tenderness toward wife and children, his arrogance in denouncing Teiresias and Creon as traitors, and his unrestrained joy when he fancied momentarily that he was released from the ominous forecasts of the oracles. It was an intensely human king that staggered in his blindness and in a frenzy of madness fondled his children, laughed at his own tortures and disappeared in outer darkness; and there was no suggestion of the divine nature of man, which must have been in Sophocles's mind. As an acting performance it was splendid, and so, also, was Miss McCarthy's as Jocasta, cspecially in the tragic moment when she tried to kiss Œdipus and turned away from him with a shudder of horror. Excellent, too, was Mr. Louis Calvert's impersonation of Creon, cautious, cold and worldly; and if Mr. Saintsbury was more artificial as Teiresias, Mr. Hubert Carter was most classic and sonorous as the Leader of the Chorus, and Mr. Frankin Dyall as the Messenger did his work with perfect method. It is the broad handling of a classed

Mr. Martin Harvey in his masterly im-

rendered this production memorable in the annals of the British theatre. Reinhardtism, with its mingling of audience and actors, its massing of hundreds of supers and its splendid effects of color in a glare of limelight, is spectacular and modern, without doubt; but it is Cairo, Egypt, Jan. 28.-The Duke of Fife. neither vulgar, nor cheap, nor undigniwho, with his wife, the Princess Royal, and fied. While the environment is not the prospects and spaces for thousands of spectators, there is a setting that intenness, half lights and full lights are artistically employed for the creation of an illusion of vastness; the palace por tico towers out of shadowy spaces and makes an effective background for beautiful spectacles; and the five hundred supers, with their Greek robes, bare arms and wailing voices, are ordered with masterly skill. If the paseantry and lighting modernize Greek drama, they also help to interpret disnify and ennoble it. The problem of the Greek chorus may not be solved by recitation en masse, bu' the pathos of high tragedy and the mystery of hu-

ing effect by the Reinhardt methods.

There are carping critics who object